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Yours faithfully

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# LAURA ASHLEY HOLDINGS plc Director's Dealings

Laura Ashley Holdings plc ("the Company") has been advised today that Dr Khoo Kay Peng, Chairman of the Company, is deemed to have an interest in an additional 2,000,000 ordinary shares in the capital of the Company. The shares were acquired by Bonham Industries Limited on 26 February 2002 at £0.2050 per share.

Dr Khoo Kay Peng is now deemed to have an interest in a total of 62,406,867 ordinary shares representing 10.456% of the Company's issued ordinary share capital.